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SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA

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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO STEFAN TODOROV, CHIEF OF UN AND DISARMAMENT DEPT. OF MFA, BULGARIA PLACES MOST IMPORTANCE ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES AT UNGA. HE INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH US POSITION ON AVOIDING MIDDLE EAST DEBATE AND ON UN FINANCES, BUT STATED BULGARIA HOLDS FIRM TO PREVIOUS POSITION ON KOREA AND CAMBODIA ITEMS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER INITIATED PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, TODOROV WAS MOST FORCEFUL AND EMPHATIC IN STATING BULGARIAN BELIEF THAT ATTENTION SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES AT UNGA. THIS WAS MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATE FORUM AND STRESS SHOULD BE ON INTERNATIONAL PEACE

AND SECURITY. HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD THAT MORNING HAD MEETING WITH PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ON PAKISTANI PROPOSAL IN THIS FIELD.

3. WE MADE STRAIGHTFORWARD PRESENTATIONS RE KOREAN AND CAMBODIAN ISSUES IN LIGHT OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE THESE AGENDA ITEMS IN SPIRIT OF LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED. TODOROV LISTENED AND THEN NOT UNEXPECTEDLY STATED BULGARIAN POSITION UNCHANGED.

4. CONCERNING MIDDLE EAST, TODOROV SAID BULGARIA CERTAINLY WOULD NOT PUSH FOR DISCUSSION, BUT ALSO WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT. THE BULGARIAN POSITION WAS THAT PROPER FORUM FOR THIS ISSUE WAS THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH SHOULD BE RECONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. TODOROV EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT ESTIMATE OF AT LEAST \$55 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL UN BUDGET AND SAID BULGARIA WAS FOR ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN UN OPERATIONS. HE INDICATED BULGARIA WOULD NOT SUPPORT PAY INCREASE FOR UN EMPLOYEES, AND THAT IT MIGHT SUPPORT US EVALUATION INITIATIVE.
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